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Alleged hardship to the mufassal applicants to the Hobart Muhammadan Training School, Madras.

*728 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that selection for admission into the Hobart Muhammadan Training School at Madras is conducted only at Madras, and that all applicants from all over the Presidency are required to go to Madras for the purpose;

(b) whether he is aware that great hardship is felt by poor Muslim girls in going to Madras from distant places for the selection, examination, etc., both on account of their poverty and their social conditions and habits;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of deserving girls do not get themselves selected owing to the present system of selection being held at Madras and on account of their financial and social position; and

(d) whether he proposes to take early steps to arrange for the holding of selection for admission into the Hobart Muhammadan Training School for Girls, in future, in district centres and remove the obstacles in the way of mufassal girls being selected in larger numbers?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

Hostel for Muslim girl students in the City of Madras.

*729 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal for the construction of a hostel for Muslim girl students in the City of Madras by the Government; and

(b) if not, whether the Government will consider the necessity and desirability of constructing a suitable hostel for Muslim girls, both collegiate and non-collegiate, in the City of Madras with due regard for Muslim social customs and manners?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Yes.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether, if there is sufficient strength, the hon. the Minister will propose to have a hostel for Muslim girls in the city?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I shall have that matter considered".

(730 Q.—Please see page 259 infra).

Local Boards

Cancellations of the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards.

*731 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards were set aside and whether it is due to the fact that there were not sufficient number of members to support the Swarajist candidates?